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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Laboratory Co., Ltd., a corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on July 18, 1996 at 8122/0776.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
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This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/683,722, filed July 18, 1996 which claims the benefit from four foreign priority application (under 35 USC § 199) filed in Japan Serial No. 7-205379, filed July 19, 1995; 7-215406, filed July 31, 1995; 7-219533, filed August 4, 1995; and 7-233306, filed August 18, 1995. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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